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WHO IS "IT"?

Sir Thomas and Mr. W. Whyte on K. C. Railway

The following is taken from an interview with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, the president of the C. P. R. Co., published in the Vancouver World last September:

"After close questioning Sir Thomas admitted that the Windermere district would be opened next year by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company building a line from near Fort Steele, on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, to Golden on the mainline, running the full length of this fertile valley.

Winnipeg, Man., February 7.—Reports have appeared in the newspapers from time to time, especially in British Columbia, about the building of a line from Golden southerly, known as the Kootenay Central Railway, to connect with the Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R., but no definite move has been taken until the past season, when the survey parties were found in the field, apparently under the direction of the C. P. R. For the purpose of ascertaining, if

possible, what the purposes of the C. P. R. are with respect to the prospect, a reporter called on the second vice-president at Winnipeg. Mr. Whyte would simply say that his company had not decided what to do about building such a road. If constructed, it would be principally to develop the agricultural, mineral and timber resources of the Kootenay and Columbia valleys, and at the same time to give a connection from Golden to the Crow's Nest line. Mr. Whyte remarked:

"The settlers especially have been pressing for this railway to be built by someone, and we concluded to see if we would be justified in taking hold of it. The cost would be heavy, and the thing is to find out if, in a reasonable time, it would pay if built. Some counsellors have been dubious, but the residents have been confident, and our engineers are there to report on the cost and on the resultant traffic. We have so many railway requirements pressing upon us that it is hard to say if it will be possible for us to include this in our immediate program."

The foregoing interviews are very contradictory and are being much discussed throughout the valley. The President said the road would be built this year and the Second Vice-President says it is not decided. The impression here is the President knew whereof he spoke and the expressed doubts now in circulation are sent out to aid in obtaining a subsidy from the Provincial Legislature.

GOOD HOCKEY MATCH

In the Hockey game at Golden last Thursday between the Golden and Wilmer teams, Golden won by a score of 5 to 1. As this was the first game of hockey played in the Golden rink with an outside team since the remodeling of the rink, a large crowd turned out to witness it, and were treated to an interesting game, and although the score would indicate that the Wilmer boys were not "in it", they proved to the spectators that with a little more practice together they would have put up a much better game. The Wilmer team were at a great disadvantage playing at night as the light was poor and the goal keeper could not see the puck until it was in the net. The game was free from rough play and the best of feeling existed all through. The Golden team showed the sportsmanlike way that they have taken up the game by allowing the Wilmer team to play one of their best players, Walter Houston, who put up a star game. The first half ended in only one goal being made, that by the Golden team, although for the most of the time the puck was in Golden's territory, but owing to the fine goal tending of Ralph Kenny the Wilmer team were unable to score in this half. The second half resulted in the Golden team making four

goals and Wilmer one and was not near as good an exhibition as the first half. Manager McCleneghan of the Imperial Bank, acted as referee and gave entire satisfaction to both teams and spectators. The teams lined up as follows:

	Golden	Wilmer
Goal	Kenny	Stockdale
Point	Stalker	Houston
Coverpoint	Sinclair	Snook
Left Wing	Robertson	Wells
Centre	Prew	Dunn
Right Wing	McEwen	McDonald

The Wilmer Hockey boys are loud in their praises of the splendid manner in which they were treated while they were in Golden and one and all report it to have been the time of their lives. On Wednesday evening they, with the Revelstoke curlers, were the guests of the Curling Club at a smoker, which was a most enjoyable affair. Thursday night they played hockey and what pleased the boys more than anything else was the great applause which they received from the fair sex, quite a few of whom could be seen wearing the colors of the Wilmer team. On Friday night a dance was given in honor of the hockey boys, which was thoroughly enjoyed by them and all the rest present. The music supplied by Miss Wells and Mr. Gunn being greatly enjoyed by the Wilmer boys. The boys left for home on Saturday morning saying that when the Kootenay Central was running they would not mind playing hockey every week in Golden.

MASQUERADE A SUCCESS

The masquerade Ball given in the Athalmer Hall Tuesday evening was the most successful dance of the kind ever given in the valley, without any exception. The whole district was well represented from Sinclair to Fairmont, there being present about one hundred persons all told, although only two or three Windermereites were in attendance.

The masqueraders one and all showed that they had taken great care in their preparation. Fun there was to no end and dancing continued until 3:30 a. m.

Owing to the fact that The Outcrop goes to press early on Wednesdays it is impossible to even attempt anything like a report of the many good costumes in this issue, but below is a partial list of those who masked together with their respective representations.

Miss Booth, Night.
Miss Ford, Queen of Hearts.
Miss Mathiewson, Little Red Riding Hood.
Miss R. Colton, Queen of Hearts.
Mrs. J. L. McKay, Columbia.
Mrs. M. Cameron, Highland Lassie.
Mrs. G. A. Starke, Indian Princess.
Mrs. Hunter, Little Miss Muffet.
Mrs. J. Lake, Pierrotte.
Mrs. R. S. Gallop, Snowflake.
Mrs. Starbird and Mrs. Power, I Don't want to Play in Your Back Yard.

Mrs. W. Harrison, Pinafore.
Mrs. W. P. Evans, Swiss Peasant Girl.
C. W. Riley, Pat Guinn.
J. L. McKay, Uncle Sam.
Geo. Evans, South African Soldier.
B. Hewetson, Clown.
W. S. Rutlan, Clown.
D. Jenkins, Chinaman.
J. Williamson, Pierot.
R. S. Gallop, Siwash.
E. J. Scovil, Baseball Player.
H. McDonald, Hockey Expert.
A. R. Yates, Ace of Clubs.
J. Hurst, Chinese Gentleman.
Ed. Morigeau, Clown.
T. Alton, Cowboy.
Ross Gallop, French Gentleman.
G. Wells, Aunt Dinna.
J. Lake, Pierot.
Jno. McLeod, General Kuroski.
E. Woods, Indian.
H. Munson, School Girl.
G. Rehder, Gentleman from France.
F. Stockdale, Judge.
Alex. McKenzie, Dreamer.

Word has been received from Billy Haylmore at Vancouver that he has undergone a slight operation on his eye and he believes a successful one.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitzsimmons have returned to Athalmer and will remain indefinitely. Mrs. Fitzsimmons has travelled in all parts of America seeking a climate for her health and states that she has found that only in this valley can she enjoy anything like good health.

The Cranbrook Herald Xmas number has just reached this office. Somewhat late "Old Man," but it is a beauty nevertheless, and the Herald staff and the townspeople of Cranbrook may well be proud of this mammoth and artistic number.

IS A CHARMING COUNTRY

Rev. Dr. Herdman in a Talk About This Valley

Rev. Dr. Herdman, of Calgary, Superintendent of Missions for B. C. and Alberta, has the following to say in the January Presbyterian Record of his trip through this valley last fall:

Last month I visited a mission, concerning which a short account may be in place.

Between the town of Golden, on the main line of the C.P.R., and the town of Cranbrook on the Crow's Nest Section, runs a valley of about 175 miles in length. The waters of the Columbia, running north from the Upper Lake, occupy the northern half of the valley, and the Kootenay river, running south, occupies the southern half. And between the two rivers is Canal Fl., a level stretch of a mile and a quarter.

I went through this district in 1887, mostly on horseback, and held, with Rev. A. H. Cameron, near where Fort Steele now stands, the first Protestant service on record. Next year a student was sent into this valley, and our church has held the ground ever since.

I shall not write here any account of the history of this region, or of the climate, or of the scenery. But it is a charming country, withdrawn in solitude, a paradise for the hunter, spangled with waterways, radiant view-points, mines, ranches, and reserves, brimful of history and human nature, and expectant now of the coming railway.

In the midst of this valley, with the long distances and scattered communities, the influence of our church work is felt. There are occasional visits to the Indian reserves of a priest, and an Anglican deacon holds services at Windermere—but the standard-bearer of the valley is Rev. J. Frazer, late Convener of Home Missions for the Presbytery of Minnesota. How difficult and discouraging work is under conditions of isolation, and absence of intercourse with brethren, I shall not attempt to relate; but as I went through the valley I found facts like these—at Galena, a church and Sabbath school; at Windermere, a neat church; services at Atholmer, in a hall; and at Wilmer a bright, well-built new church, ready for the dedication service, erected by the givings of the people, and a grant from the Church and Manse Board, and donations from Lord Strathcona and other friends in Britain. And men and women came that Sabbath evening from all the settlements, and most of the ranches within a radius of 20 miles or more, till all the seats were filled, and chairs had to be placed in the

aisle. Increased givings to mission support have been undertaken and I came away thankful that the standard of the Cross has been planted and upheld in these outposts situated between parallel lines of railway far withdrawn, and parallel ranges of mountains which hem in the most beautiful valley of the Pacific province.

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Is It Vanity?

Some of the Nelson amateurs think that the local press was too good to them. That might show the modesty of the complainers or it might mean another form of vanity, praising one in contrast to the detraction of another. Amateurs should remember that their city sets one standard for them and a far higher one for the professional. Judged on the amateur standard the Nelson amateurs need fear little comparison. Judged on the professional standard many a serious flaw may be picked. A lady may sing a beautiful song which the local press praises. But that amateur need not take it for granted, in her vanity, that it is her voice is praised. The truthful critic despairing of finding an excellence in the singer might have fallen back upon the poetry or the music of the song. Similarly a gentleman deservedly praised for the beauty of his voice may have so little idea of its governance that a barnstorming company would not give him \$5 a week. Praise for a fine stage presence does not mean that the actor possessing it might not be severely criticized in a professional standard if really in the profession for enunciation so atrocious that the audience would fail to find out whether the words sung were Siwash or English, much less have a glimmer of their meaning. But judged on their own standard the Nelson amateurs can rest satisfied that they would be impossible to beat in the Kootenay and hard to excel anywhere in a city of equal size.—Tribune.

Strayed—A red cow with white belly, white on end of tail, short, bent horns broken at top, about four years old. Has been at my ranch since about Dec. 1st. Owner may have same by proving property and paying all expenses. Apply to Jos. Tait, Windermere.

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Wm. CHAMBERLAIN,
Proprietor,

ASBESTOS

Wood has already been largely displaced as fuel by a mineral, coal. Its use for building purposes is threatened by another mineral, asbestos. Chas. A. Watt, of Wilmer, discovered a deposit of asbestos on No. 3 creek a couple of years ago, but so far has not developed his find to any great extent, yet it would be interesting to know its extent. A small specimen of his find can be seen at The Outcrop office.

A great variety of articles are now being made from asbestos. The first was cloth for fire-proof sheeting and curtains. Now cord, twine, thread, yarn, rope, braid, tape, wicks, packing material, tubing, and within the last 12 months lumber, for building purposes, have been produced.

Asbestos is a silky fibrous stone. The fibres vary in length from a quarter of an inch to six inches. The highest grade of it is worth \$350 a ton, the lowest from \$30 to \$40. It has been found in Russia, Italy, Montana and British Columbia, but there is only one place in the world where it has yet been discovered in paying quantity. That is in Megantic county, Que., where there is a belt of serpentine rock 50 miles square, from which on the average a ton of asbestos is taken from 30 tons of rock.

Asbestos, as far as known, is found only in serpentine rock. In Megantic it is mined in open quarries by steps. Steam drills are used to get it out. A cyclone pulverizer is used to crush the low grade, the high grade article requires no treatment at the mine. It is afterwards crushed to pulp by hydraulic pressure.

It is expected asbestos lumber will take the place of wood for many purposes. For buildings connected with mines and smelters it is invaluable. Where sheet iron is destroyed by the weather and fumes of arsenic and sulphur, and even with constant painting can hardly be made to last 15 months, asbestos lumber is entirely unaffected. It is moist like slate, it neither contracts nor expands with heat or cold. Buildings made of this material seem to harden and improve with time.

A new use for asbestos has been found in the large cities. The demand for asbestos lumber is certain to be largely increased by it. It is for houses for automobiles. They are as safe in an asbestos storehouse as in a fire-proof safe.

While asbestos was regarded simply as a useful insulating material, the demand was limited. But as other uses have been found the export has grown enormously and will continue to grow. Although it has been found in small quantities in other places, Canada has a monopoly of asbestos for commercial purposes. The annual output is now 55,000 tons. Of this 35,000 tons are exported to the United States, the rest to Europe, chiefly to Great Britain. There

is no duty on it when imported into the United States. The Americans are too shrewd to tax themselves when they can not possibly develop asbestos mines within their own borders.

LAND NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that within sixty days from date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase eighty acres of land. Commencing at a point adjoining Lot 4348, thence running north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement.

Dated at Wilmer, B.C., this 25th day of November, 1904. K. E. WATT.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that within 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase eighty acres of land. Commencing at a post on the north side of Toby creek, about 100 chains below Jumbo Fork; thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to the place of commencement.

Dated 20th December, 1904. M. CARLIN.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that within 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 40 acres of land. Commencing at a post south of Toby creek and on the east line of M. Carlin's application; thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to place of commencement.

Dated 20th December, 1904. H. W. HARRISON.

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Dated 20th December, 1904. J. F. HANNA.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post planted near western base of mountain on the east side of No. 3 creek, about three miles above its junction with No. 2 creek, thence south 80 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement.

Dated Nov. 12th, 1904. F. GALLOP.

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The white peaks have signalled the day
And Freedom, her long roll is beating,
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Swing inward, O gates! 'til the morning
Shall paint the brown mountains in
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Till the life and love of the New Time
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is the shortest and best line between two
eternities.
I believe in patience, because it is the
swiftest way to obtain results.
I believe in that sort of economy that
spends money for a good purpose.
I believe in honesty, not for policy's
sake, but for principal's sake.
I believe in honesty, because it puts a
roof over every man's head.
I believe in obedience, because it is
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Dated Dec. 7, 1904.

W. N. GALLOP,
per R. S. Gallop, Agent

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per R. S. Gallop, Agent.

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Dated Dec. 3, 1904.

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Diamonds Here?

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Every little while some newspaper takes up the question as to the likelihood of diamonds being found in this valley and The Outcrop is informed that a party of prospectors will spend next summer here seeking these gems. The latest paper to write up our diamond fields is the Cranbrook Herald, from which the appended is taken:

It is very curious to observe how the idea persists, that there are diamonds in Windermere country. You never hear people speak of there being diamonds in the Lardeau, in the Slocan, in the Similkameen, but the notion that those gems exist in the Windermere locality simply will not down. It very frequently happens that where a conception of this character persists, endures, holds on despite all adverse opinion, it may be well to find if it has any other foundation in reason.

Mr. Estmere says that he picked up some crystals in the basin of McDonald creek which appeared to him entirely out of the common. They were of a somewhat brown color, extremely hard, and perfectly translucent. He never had them examined, and, unfortunately, he knows no more of what they were than what became of them. Probably these crystals were garnets. He says that there can be no question about the existence of extensive intrusions of the serpentine formation along McDonald creek and through the area generally.

This latter piece of information bears out the examination of Mr. H. E. Neave, an engineer who was for years employed at his profession in and about the Berkeley diamond fields. This gentleman was engaged on some engineering business in the Wilmer neighborhood, and he informed Mr. L. H. Moffatt, of Rossland, that he could detect no difference between the Windermere serpentine formation and that around the De Beers mine. Mr. Neave prospected extensively through the basins of Toby, Horse Thief, and No. 2 and No. 3 creeks. He admitted having found the diamond gravel, but it does not appear that he ever found a diamond, though he always expressed his belief that, sooner or later, he would run them down.

So far so good; the formation is the right one in which to expect the occurrence of diamonds.

Next we find that only the other day a man from that locality brought what he thought was a diamond to Mr. McKillop, of Nelson, for examination. Mr. McKillop recommended the man to bring it to Mr. Patenoude, the jeweler. The latter called on Mr. McKillop for a consultation, with the result that it was decided that the stone was a zircon.

The man said there were plenty of those stones to be had. We have now the formation right, and the occurrence of the zircon established.

At the De Beers mines, when it comes to classifying the gems which comes from the blue clay, which is the common matrix of all, it takes a most skilful expert to detect which is a diamond, or which is a zircon. An almost infallible test is that of the machine called the

"greaser." This is a kind of small stairway, the steps of which are covered with a particular sort of grease. Down this appliance the rough gems are poured, and, curiously enough, the diamonds alone will adhere to the grease, the less valuable ones passing on. The zircon is always found where the diamond occurs, but for two hundred of the former you will not find one of the latter. The man who went to Mr. McKillop is reported to have said that he could get plenty of stones similar to the one which was examined. It is a very great pity he did not gather up all he could find, for if he had done so, it is possible he would have a true diamond amongst them. Let him, whoever he be, go back in the name of Fortune, and try again. How does he know but a fortune equal to that of Blair

or Barney Barnato, or Cecil Rhodes awaits him? We are told that it is the unexpected that always happens, and when all is said and done, there is no logical reason why we should not have a diamond field in East Kootenay. Once upon a time the existence of gold in New South Wales was as little suspected as the occurrence of the diamond is suspected here.

Rev. Mr. E. St. G. Smyth will conduct divine service in Wilmer in the evening of the first Sunday of each month.

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